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- 1. INFORMATION ON SHIRLEY BEING SENT SEPTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 2. REFTELS (B) AND (C) (BEING REPEATED TO NASSAU)
 REPORT ON JAMAICAN FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT
 (FIU), US/GOJ COOPERATION UNDER TAX TREATY, AND SERVICE
 BEING PROVIDED TO FIU BY RETIRED IRS AND CUSTOMS AGENTS.
- 3. WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON ABUSES OF TAX TREATY -- ONLY SUSPICIONS AND CONCERNS AS REPORTED REFTELS (B) AND (C). OUR PARAGTEL CONCERN IS OF COURSE THE FACT THAT THE GOJ HAS BEEN SINGULARLY UNCOOPERATIVE WITH RESPECT TO OUR OWN FEW REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION UNDER TAX TREATY.

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4. CONCERNING FIU, IT WAS ESTABLISHED SEVERAL YEARS AGO PRIMARILY TO COMBAT CAPITAL FLIGHT FROM JAMAICA BY OBTAINING INFORMATION NECESSARY TO INTERCEPT AND PROSECUTE VIOLATORS OF EXCHANGE CONTROL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. IT ALSO OPERATES IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE AREA ALTHOUGH ITS FOCUS HAS BEEN AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE AREA OF CAPITAL

FLIGHT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO PROOF, THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE USG UNDER TAX TREATY IS BEING USED BY FIU TO PURSUE EXCHANGE CONTROL VIOLATION CASES.

5. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO COMMENT MUCH FURTHER SINCE, DESPITE SEVERAL REQUESTS TO VISITING IRS REPRESENTATIVES, WE HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER ON DETAILS OF TAX AND OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY US TREASURY AND IRS TO GOJ. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THE GOJ KNOWS FAR MORE ABOUT THAT RELATIONSHIP THAN DOES THIS EMBASSY. DORRANCE

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